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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I want to know how before taking the questions given notice of earlier three particular questions were answered? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" They were short-notice questions."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I want to pursue the matter further. There are two numbers to each question. One is given when it is registered in the office and the other is given when the answer thereto is received. The latter number is printed only when it is put for answer."

MR. SPEAKER :—" A separate number is given to short-notice questions. Now, I think the hon. Member understands the position."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *RE* THE ALLEGED OBJECTIONABLE REMARKS OF THE SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE, KOZHIKODE, ON 27TH JANUARY 1955 AGAINST THE ASSEMBLY AND PARLIAMENT.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan has given notice of a privilege motion which reads as follows :—

'It has been brought to my notice that Mr. Moideen Kunhi, Sub-Inspector of Police Kozhikode, on 27th January 1955 was found manhandling some of the workers on Satyagraha in front of Nagjee Purushotham Co., Limited, Kozhikode. Sri V. T. Induchudan, Editor, " *Desabhimani* ", a leading Malayalam Daily, who was present on the spot, told the Sub-Inspector that he would take photos and send them to the Assembly. Hearing this the Sub-Inspector is reported to have said in Malayalam to the effect "I care a hang about the Assembly and Parliament." I enclose herewith a statement signed by the said Sri Induchudan which is marked (A). I have also enclosed a copy of the issue dated 27th January 1955 of *Desabhimani*, in which the views of the insulting remarks made by the Sub-Inspector have been published portion marked (B). The issue dated 28th January 1955 of *Desabhimani* also is enclosed herewith which contains a report of a public meeting held on 27th January 1955, at which a resolution has been passed deprecating the insulting remarks of the Sub-Inspector about the democratic institutions of our Republic, marked (C). I also understand that Sri P. K. Kunhirama Podhuval, B.A., B.L., an Advocate, who presided over that meeting, has forwarded a copy of the resolution to the Hon. the Speaker.

All these facts go to show that the Sub-Inspector of Police has deliberately and intentionally tried to insult this House and bring it into contempt before the people.

I am of opinion that this is a breach of privilege of this House and hence I request that I may be permitted to move that this matter may be referred to the Committee of Privileges.'

" I want to know whether the Hon. Minister wants to say anything on this matter."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not think this would come under ' breach of the privileges '. Apart from that, I shall have the matter inquired into. In all these things, it is likely to be exaggerated. The Sub-Inspector might have said, ' I am not concerned with the Assembly ' or any such thing. In

the altercation it might have been misunderstood. Anyhow, I shall have it inquired into. No aspersions need be cast on the Sub-Inspector even now."

MR. SPEAKER :—" In view of the statement of the Hon. Minister, I think the hon. Member is not pressing his motion."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I do not press it, Sir."

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* ARREST OF VOLUNTEERS OF COCHIN PANDHIKASALA THOZHILALI UNION.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan has given notice of an adjournment motion which reads as follows :—

' This House stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the arrest of about thirty-six volunteers of Cochin Pandhikasala Thozhilali Union during the third and fourth weeks of March 1955, who were peacefully picketing the gates of Parry & Co., Fort Cochin to have the retrenched workers reinstated, which action of the Police has caused much anxiety and alarm among the labour population of Fort Cochin who form more than fifty per cent of the total population of the town.'

" This motion is clearly out of order. I am not going to allow the hon. Member to speak."

IV.—STATISTICS *RE* THE WORKING OF THE ASSEMBLY IN THE CURRENT SITTING.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The House will be interested to know that this is a very memorable sitting of the House. I shall give some information to the House regarding this. From 7th February to 2nd April 1955, the Assembly has sat for 44 days. The number of hours the Assembly has met—including the sitting of to-day—is 230. The number of days on which the Assembly met for more than 7 hours is 5. The number of Bills passed including the Bills that may be passed to-day—I assume that the Bills will be passed by the House—is 14. The number of statements made under rule 40 is 30. The number of discussions under rule 56 is 4. The cut motions on the Budget received are 1,662. The number of amendments received is 700. The number of unstarred questions to which answers were placed on the table of the House is 204. The number of starred questions answered is 1,370."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Have we created any records? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, in many respects."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" You have not given particulars regarding adjournment motions."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If I give them, I shall have to give the number of motions I have ruled out also." (Laughter.)